

I have benifited greatly from XM Satellite Radio's traffic and Weather reports since subscribing to this service in December of 2003. It would be a tragety to see these services discontinued if you pass the NAB's petition 04-160. When traveling from Oregon to California during Christmas, my subscription to XM Radio GREATLY ASSISTED ME in planning my route and preparing for what was to come at every pace of the journey. Unlike local radio stations, XM had me covered from Portland, Oregon all the way to Sunnyvale, California. No other station offered the detailed services that XM Satellite Radio could on a national and regional basis.

I urge you to reject this petition as it is clearly bullying by the NAB.

On a final note, I cannot understand how my paying for a subscription service THAT IN NO WAY IS ILLEGAL and PROVIDES A BENIFICIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY could in any way shape or form harm the countless numbers of homogonized radiostations playing garbage across the nation.

Again, please reject this ridiculous petition.

Sincerely,

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